

Historic, Archive Document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

62.03

ADA W.

FEB 2 1943

U. S. Department of Agriculture

SEEDS OF NATIVE ALASKA PLANTS

1942

ADA W. SHARPLES
COOPER'S LANDING via SEWARD, ALASKA.

This list is issued as early in the year as it is possible to determine the seeds which may be offered, so that you may make your selections and order in time for fall planting. Every effort is made to expedite the filling of orders but occasionally there is unavoidable delay due to isolation and infrequent mails.

In general, alpines and other wild plants from Alaska require the same care and patience as those from other sections. Since your success in germinating and growing these seeds is dependent upon many factors beyond my control, no guarantee can be given. However, I have had splendid success with even the most difficult high alpines in my lowland garden, where there are rocks, woods soil and an open, sunny situation. The latter I have found very necessary here for alpines, but it is my belief that in eastern gardens some shade during the hottest part of the day would be beneficial. Fertilizer in any form tends to over-stimulate growth and should be used with discretion. All seem to enjoy a mildly acid soil.

I plant my seeds in the fall in flats and place them in cold frames, either covered or uncovered, for protection not from weather but from accident. Snow, freezing, rain and the general action of the weather aid germination. Some, particularly shrubs, may be tardy in germinating, so the plantings should not be disturbed until after the second year. In no case should the flats be allowed to dry out. It is advantageous to combine some leaf mold and peat moss with the planting medium, which should be fine and porous. Fall planting is recommended, but good results may also be obtained from early spring planting, particularly if refrigerator treatment is given.

In response to many requests, in my second offering of Seeds of Native Alaska plants a brief description of each species is given. A number of species not available last year are offered. More will be added each year as the stock increases. Seeds are fresh from this season's crop. Only plants indigenous to Alaska are included. Earnest effort is made to keep the nomenclature correct.

Check or Postal Money Order payable at Seward, Alaska, should accompany all orders from unknown clients.

SEEDS

25 cents per packet, postpaid.

ACHILLEA BOREALIS. 18". White to pink heads. For the wild garden.
ACONITUM DELPHINIFOLIUM. 2 ft. Dark blue flowers. Easy to grow.
ACONITUM DELPHINIFOLIUM. Albino form of above. Fairly true from seed.
ACTAEA ARGUTA. 18". White fls. followed by showy red berries.
ALLIUM SIBERICUM. 12". Bright mauve heads. A good "wild onion".
AMELANCHIER FLORIDA. Shrub to 4 ft. Covered with white fls. Edible frt.

ANDROMEDA POLIFOLIA. 8" evergreen shrub. Charming pink bell's. Moisture.

ANDROSACE SEPTENTRIONALIS. Biennial. Self-sows. Tufted. Sprays white fls.

ANEMONE GLOBOSA. Alpine. White fls. tinted red or blue. 8".

ANEMONE PARVIFLORA. Choice small alpine. White fls. Germinates readily.

ANTENNARIA MONOCEPHALA. Mats of small silvery leaves. Fls. inconspicuous.

ARCTOSTAPHYLOS UVA-URSI. Beautiful trailing evergreen shrub. Red berries.

ARNICA CHAMISSONIS. 18". Good. Several yellow daisies in head.

ARNICA LESSINGII. Beautiful alpine. Nodding yellow daisies, 6" stems.

ARTEMISIA TILESII. 3 ft. Showy aromatic foliage.

ASTER SIBERICUS. Choice alpine. Mauve daisies, 6" stems.

ASTRAGALUS ALPINUS. Good. Pea-shaped flowers. White tinted blue. 6".

BARBARAEA ORTHOCERAS. 18". Heads of small orange flowers.

BETULA ALASKANA. Tree. Beautiful Alaskan white birch.

CALTHA ARCTICA. Small, slender "Marsh Marigold". Yellow fls. singly.

CAETHA ASARIFOLIA. Stronger growing than above. Large clusters of fls.

CAMPANULA HETERODOXA. Choice alpine. 8-12". Purplish-blue bells.

CAMPANULA LASIOCarpa. A high alpine. China-blue bells. Tufted.

CASTILLEJA UNALASCENSIS. A yellow flowered "Indian Paintbrush". 18".

CERASTIUM FISCHERIANUM. Prostrate. Very floriferous. Small white fls.

CHRYSANTHEMUM ARCTICUM. Numerous white daisies on sturdy 12" stems.

CLAYTONIA SIBERICA. "Spring Beauty". Pink fls. Succulent foliage.

COELOPLEURUM GMLINI. 2 ft. Feathery foliage. Umbels of white fls.

COMARUM PALUSTRE. Sprawling. Odd dark red fls. For the bog.

CORNUS CANADENSIS. Creeping shrub. White Dogwood fls. Scarlet berries.

CORNUS UNALASCENSIS. Similar to above except berries are rose-red.

CORYDALIS SEMPERVIRENS. Bien. Evergreen bluish lvs. Fls. pink with yellow.

DELphinium BROWNII. 3 ft. Dark blue flowers.

DIANTHUS REPENS. Very rare and beautiful. Tiny alpine pink. Rose fls.

DIANTHUS REPENS. Albino form of above. Fairly true from seed.

DODECATHEON PAUCIFLORUM. "Shooting Star". Beautiful pink fls. 10".

DRABA NIVALIS. Tufted alpines. Very good. Bright yellow fls. early spring.

ECHINOPanax HORRIDUM. "Devil's Club". Handsome prickly shrub. Red frt.

EMPETRUM NIGRUM. Creeping evergreen shrub. Many black berries.

EPILOBIUM ANGUSTIFOLIUM. The well-known "Fireweed". 4 ft. Magenta fls.

EPILOBIUM LATIFOLIUM. Good and showy. 12". Blue-green lvs. Carmine fls.

ERIGERON COMPOSITUS. Tufted alpine. Small daisies, numerous white rays.

ERIGERON ELONGATUS. 18". Effective in meadows among grass. Lavender fls.

Fritillaria CAMSCHATCENSIS. Bulb. 12". Interesting chocolate colored lily.

GALIUM BOREALE. Lovely panicles of fluffy white flowers. 12".

GERANIUM ERIANTHUM. 18". Beautiful clear blue fls. with dark veins.

GEUM ROSSI. Showy alpine. Dark-green pinnate-lvs. Deep-yellow-fls. OUT

HEDYSARUM AMERICANUM. Sprawling. Many clusters of purple pea fls.

HERACLEUM LANATUM. Strong growing. 4 ft. Large umbels small white fls.

HEUCHERA GLABRA. Beautiful tufted foliage. Panicles of cream fls.

IRIS SETOSA. 18". Beautiful. Deep purplish-blue. flowers.

JUNIPERUS SIBERICUS var. NANA. Prostrate evergreen shrub. Blue berries.

LATHYRUS MARITIMA. "Beach Pea". Trailing. Shaded red-purple flowers.

LATHYRUS PALUSTRIS. Sprawling. Slender growth. Purple pea flowers.

LEDUM DECUMBENS. Dwarf evergreen shrub of far north. White flowers.

LEDUM GROENLANDICUM. Very like above except larger.

LEPARYRAEA CANADENSIS. Showy shrub, 2-4 ft. Thick bluish lvs. Red frt.

LINNAEA AMERICANA. Exquisite woodland trailer. Fragrant pink fls. in prs.

LINUM LEWISII. "Wild Flax". Dainty slender plant, 18". Blue flowers.

LLOYDIA SEROTINA. "Alp Lily". Tiny alpine bulb. Lovely cream fls. 3".

LUPINUS ARCTICUS. Beautiful. 18". Colors cream, pinkish lavender, magenta and shades of purple and blue.

MENZIESIA FERRUGINEA. "False Azalea" 3 ft. shrub. Small pinkish fls.

MERTENSIA MARITIMA. Lax stems. Interesting grey-green lvs. Blue fls.

MERTENSIA PANICULATA. Beautiful. 18". Fls. blue shaded pink.

MONESES UNIFLORA. Enchanting waxy fragrant white fls. Tufted evergreen leaves. Requires special treatment.

MYOSOTIS ALPESTRIS. Alaska's official flower. Intense blue. Neat growth.

OXYTROPIS NIGRESCENS. An alpine gem. Hairy tufted lvs. Purple pea fls.

PARNASSIA PALUSTRIS. Tufted. Numerous starry white fls. For the bog.

PENSTEMON DIFFUSUS. Leafy stems. Panicles of purple flowers. 12".

POLEMONIUM ACUTIFLORUM. Mounds of foliage. Panicles of clear blue fls. 18"

POLEMONIUM PULCHERRIMUM. 10". Very fine for rock garden and cut flower.

Profuse bloomer. Easy from seed.

POTENTILLA GRACILIS. Attractive foliage. Small yellow fls. in sprays.

POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA. Alpine shrub. Easy from seed. Fls. like small yellow single roses.

POTENTILLA NIVEA. Small, tufted. Yellow fls. very early.

POTENTILLA VILLOSA. Choice tufted alpine. Silky lvs. Yellow fls. 6"

PYROLA ASARIFOLIA. Leathery evergreen lvs. Lovely pink fls. All Pyrolas require special treatment.

PYROLA GRANDIFLORA. Exquisite spike of waxy pearl white blossoms, 8".

PYROLA SECUNDA. Greenish flowers along one side of 4" stems.

RANUNCULUS ESCHSCHLOTZII. Tufted alpine "Buttercup". Good and very early.

RHINANTHUS CRISTAGALLI. "Rattlebox". Yellow fls. Inflated seed pod. 12".

RIBES HUDSONIANUM. Currant with white fls. Black edible fruit.

RIBES LACUSTRE. "Gooseberry Currant". Thorny branches. Rose fls. Black frt.

RIBES TRISTE. "Red Currant". Rose fls. Red frt. Lvs. colored in autumn.

ROSA ACICULARIS. Lovely wild rose. Wide pink fls. Very profuse.

RUBUS CHAMAEMORUS. "Baked Apple Berry". Dwarf shrub. White fls. Yellow frt.

RUBUS STRIGOSUS. Common Red Raspberry.

SAMBUCUS PUBENS. "Red Elderberry". To 10 ft. Berries beloved by birds.

SANGUISORBA SITCHENSIS. 2 ft. Fragrant spikes white fls. Edge of woods.

SAXIFRAGA TRICUSPIDATA. Good alpine. Evergreen. Abundant creamy fls.

SENECIO LUGENS. Yellow fls. in loose heads, 12". For the wild garden.

SENECIO PSEUDO-ARNICA. Strong growing, 2 ft. Several yellow fls. to stem.

Somewhat resembles Sunflower.

SILENE ACAULIS. Lovely tufted alpine. Stemless pink fls. Very floriferous.

SISYRINCHIUM LITTORALE. "Blue-eyed Grass". Narrow foliage. Blue fls.

SOLIDAGO MULTIRADIATA. Dwarf "Goldenrod" for the rock garden. 6-12".

SPIRAEA STEVENII. 2 ft. shrub. Close heads small white fragrant fls.

THALICTRUM SPARSIFLORUM. Beautiful foliage. Inconspicuous fls. 18". Shade.

TOFIELDIA COCCINEA. Lvs. like tiny Iris. Fls. white to pinkish-red, 4".

VACCINIUM VITIS-IDAEA. "Mountain Cranberry". Evergreen. Pink bells. Fruit.

VACCINIUM ULIGINOSUM. Dwarf Blueberry. Blue-green foliage.

VALERIANA CAPITATA. "Wild Heliotrope", 12". Fragrant pinkish fl. heads.

VERONICA AMERICANA. Small bright blue fls. along prostrate stems.

VIBURNUM PAUCIFLORUM. "Highbush Cranberry" 3 ft. shrub. Edible red frt.

VIOLA LANGSDORFII. Deep blue fls. Long stems. Distinct and lovely.

VIOLA PALUSTRIS. Small Violet with pale purple fls. Prefers moisture.

ZYGADENUS ELEGANS. Abundant grasslike foliage. Small greenish lilies in racemes on stems 1-3 ft.

SEDUM INTEGRIFOLIUM. High alpine. Tufted grey lvs. Dark red fls.

"ALASKA WILD FLOWERS" by Ada White Sharples, (Stanford University Press, Stanford University, Cal.) Price \$2.00 from the publisher. Contains descriptive list of a large number of Alaskan plants, with numerous photographs taken in the natural habitat.

62.03

1942

ADA W. SHARPLES

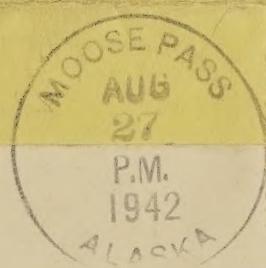
Cooper's Landing via Seward, Alaska

Return Postage Guaranteed.

Catalog of Seeds

Native Alaska Plants

*Many choice alpines and unusual plants,
seeds of which are obtainable nowhere else.*



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
Fruit and Vegetable Crops and Diseases
M. R. N.

GPO 8-3591

ADY W. SHARPLES

Author of "The Story of the English Language"

Illustrated by G. D. Thompson

Choice of Scenes

Illustrated by G. D. Thompson

With a foreword by Sir George Trevelyan